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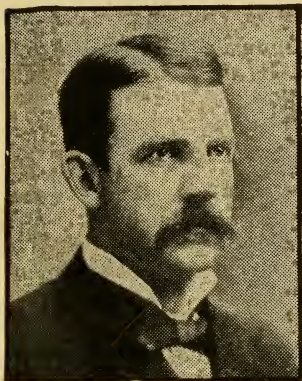
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Spalding's Athletic Library



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Anticipating the present tendency of the American people toward a healthful method of living and enjoyment, Spalding's Athletic Library was established in 1892 for the purpose of encouraging athletics in every form, not only by publishing the official rules and records pertaining to the various pastimes, but also by instructing, until to-day Spalding's Athletic Library is unique in its own particular field and has been conceded the greatest educational series on athletic and physical training subjects that has ever been compiled.

The publication of a distinct series of books devoted to athletic sports and pastimes and designed to occupy the premier place in America in its class was an early idea of Mr. A. G. Spalding, who was one of the first in America to publish a handbook devoted to athletic sports, Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide being the initial

number, which was followed at intervals with other handbooks on the sports prominent in the '70s.

Spalding's Athletic Library has had the advice and counsel of Mr. A. G. Spalding in all of its undertakings, and particularly in all books devoted to the national game. This applies especially to Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide and Spalding's Official Base Ball Record, both of which receive the personal attention of Mr. A. G. Spalding, owing to his early connection with the game as the leading pitcher of the champion Boston and Chicago teams of 1872-76. His interest does not stop, however, with matters pertaining to base ball; there is not a sport that Mr. Spalding does not make it his business to become familiar with, and that the Library will always maintain its premier place, with Mr. Spalding's able counsel at hand, goes without saying.

The entire series since the issue of the first number has been under the direct personal supervision of Mr. James E. Sullivan, President of the American Sports Publishing Company, and the total series of consecutive numbers reach an aggregate of considerably over three hundred, included in which are many "annuals," that really constitute the history of their particular sport in America year by year, back copies of which are even now eagerly sought for, constituting as they do the really first authentic records of events and official rules that have ever been consecutively compiled.

When Spalding's Athletic Library was founded, seventeen years ago, track and field athletics were practically unknown outside the larger colleges and a few athletic clubs in the leading cities, which gave occasional meets, when an entry list of 250 competitors was a subject of comment; golf was known only by a comparatively few persons; lawn tennis had some vogue and base ball was practically the only established field

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sport, and that in a professional way; basket ball had just been invented; athletics for the schoolboy—and schoolgirl—were almost unknown, and an advocate of class contests in athletics in the schools could not get a hearing. To-day we find the greatest body of athletes in the world is the Public Schools Athletic League of Greater New York, which has had an entry list at its annual games of over two thousand, and in whose "elementary series" in base ball last year 106 schools competed for the trophy emblematic of the championship.

While Spalding's Athletic Library cannot claim that the rapid growth of athletics in this country is due to it solely, the fact cannot be denied that the books have had a great deal to do with its encouragement, by printing the official rules and instructions for playing the various games at a nominal price, within the reach of everyone, with the sole object that its series might be complete and the one place where a person could look with absolute certainty for the particular book in which he might be interested.

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A short sketch of a few of those who have edited some of the leading numbers of Spalding's Athletic Library is given herewith:



JAMES E. SULLIVAN

President American Sports Publishing Company; entered the publishing house of Frank Leslie in 1878, and has been connected continuously with the publishing business since then and also as athletic editor of various New York papers; was a competing athlete; one of the organizers of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States; has been actively on its board of governors since its organization until the present time, and President for two successive terms; has attended every champion-

ship meeting in America since 1879 and has officiated in some capacity in connection with American amateur championships track and field games for nearly twenty-five years; assistant American director Olympic Games, Paris, 1900; director Pan-American Exposition athletic department, 1901; chief department physical culture Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, 1904; secretary American Committee Olympic Games, at Athens, 1906; honorary director of Athletics at Jamestown Exposition, 1907; secretary American Committee Olympic Games, at London, 1908; member of the Pastime A. C., New York; honorary member Missouri A. C., St. Louis; honorary member Olympic A. C., San Francisco; ex-president Pastime A. C., New Jersey A. C., Knickerbocker A. C.; president Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U. for fifteen years; president Outdoor Recreation League; with Dr. Luther H. Gulick organized the Public Schools Athletic League of New York, and is now chairman of its games committee and member executive committee; was a pioneer in playground work and one of the organizers of the Outdoor Recreation League of New York; appointed by President Roosevelt as special commissioner to the Olympic Games at Athens, 1906, and decorated by King George I. of the Hellenes (Greece) for his services in connection with the Olympic Games; appointed special commissioner by President Roosevelt to the Olympic Games at London, 1908; appointed by Mayor McClellan, 1908, as member of the Board of Education of Greater New York.

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WALTER CAMP



For quarter of a century Mr. Walter Camp of Yale has occupied a leading position in college athletics. It is immaterial what organization is suggested for college athletics, or for the betterment of conditions, insofar as college athletics is concerned, Mr. Camp has always played an important part in its conferences, and the great interest in and high plane of college sport to-day, are undoubtedly due more to Mr. Camp than to any other individual. Mr. Camp has probably written more on college

athletics than any other writer and the leading papers and magazines of America are always anxious to secure his expert opinion on foot ball, track and field athletics, base ball and rowing. Mr. Camp has grown up with Yale athletics and is a part of Yale's remarkable athletic system. While he has been designated as the "Father of Foot Ball," it is a well known fact that during his college career Mr. Camp was regarded as one of the best players that ever represented Yale on the base ball field, so when we hear of Walter Camp as a foot ball expert we must also remember his remarkable knowledge of the game of base ball, of which he is a great admirer. Mr. Camp has edited Spalding's Official Foot Ball Guide since it was first published, and also the Spalding Athletic Library book on How to Play Foot Ball. There is certainly no man in American college life better qualified to write for Spalding's Athletic Library than Mr. Camp.

DR. LUTHER HALSEY GULICK



The leading exponent of physical training in America; one who has worked hard to impress the value of physical training in the schools; when physical training was combined with education at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904 Dr. Gulick played an important part in that congress; he received several awards for his good work and had many honors conferred upon him; he is the author of a great many books on the subject; it was Dr. Gulick, who, acting on the suggestion of James E. Sullivan,

organized the Public Schools Athletic League of Greater New York, and was its first Secretary; Dr. Gulick was also for several years Director of Physical Training in the public schools of Greater New York, resigning the position to assume the Presidency of the Playground Association of America. Dr. Gulick is an authority on all subjects pertaining to physical training and the study of the child.

JOHN B. FOSTER



Successor to the late Henry Chadwick ("Father of Base Ball") as editor of Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide; sporting editor of the New York Evening Telegram; has been in the newspaper business for many years and is recognized throughout America as a leading writer on the national game; a staunch supporter of organized base ball, his pen has always been used for the betterment of the game.

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Sporting editor of the New York Times; graduate of the University of Pennsylvania; editor of Spalding's Official Lawn Tennis Annual; is an authority on the game; follows the movements of the players minutely and understands not only tennis but all other subjects that can be classed as athletics; no one is better qualified to edit this book than Mr. Burchell.



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Former Young Men's Christian Association director; for many years an official of the Athletic League of Young Men's Christian Associations of North America; was connected with Dr. Luther H. Gulick in Young Men's Christian Association work for over twelve years; became identified with basket ball when it was in its infancy and has followed it since, being recognized as the leading exponent of the official rules; succeeded Dr. Gulick as editor of the Official Basket Ball

Guide and also editor of the Spalding Athletic Library book on How to Play Basket Ball.



JAMES S. MITCHEL

Former champion weight thrower; holder of numerous records, and is the winner of more championships than any other individual in the history of sport; Mr. Mitchel is a close student of athletics and well qualified to write upon any topic connected with athletic sport; has been for years on the staff of the New York Sun.

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DR. GEORGE J. FISHER



Has been connected with Y. M. C. A. work for many years as physical director at Cincinnati and Brooklyn, where he made such a high reputation as organizer that he was chosen to succeed Dr. Luther H. Gulick as Secretary of the Athletic League of Y. M. C. A.'s of North America, when the latter resigned to take charge of the physical training in the Public Schools of Greater New York.

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R. L. WELCH

A resident of Chicago; the popularity of indoor base ball is chiefly due to his efforts; a player himself of no mean ability; a first-class organizer; he has followed the game of indoor base ball from its inception.



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W. J. CROMIE

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FOREWORD

Five years ago, when the editor of this booklet was physical director of the Germantown Young Men's Christian Association, he organized a pyramid-building club among the members of the physical department.

Upon looking for suggestions concerning this line of work it was discovered that there were no American books devoted to pyramid building. Most of those that were to be had were published in either Germany or England, and were wood cut illustrations, many of which were impracticable. The editor then conceived the idea to photograph groups after practice, and thus have the illustrations serve as an incentive to greater endeavor among the members of this club, and furthermore to compile booklets which might be of use to other organizations and clubs.

The groups compiled in these booklets are merely suggestions, the editor claiming no originality, as one pyramid suggests dozens of others; in fact, there is no limit to the possibility of this form of exercise.

The editor desires to thank the men and boys of the Germantown Young Men's Christian Association who assisted in the work of building these groups, and to F. H. Benrath, who was the enthusiastic captain of the club for over two years. Credit is also due A. J. Himmelsbach, who is now physical director of the Germantown Young Men's Christian Association, and to H. L. Keire, W. H. Jacoby and J. H. Frick, who assisted in photographing the various groups.

The illustrations of the pyramids with steel wands in Part II (No. 329 of Spalding's Athletic Library, price 10 cents) were posed for by members of the pyramid club of the University of Pennsylvania, of which M. B. Homer is captain. The editor appreciates their co-operation.

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INTRODUCTION TO PYRAMIDS WITH AND WITHOUT APPARATUS

The building of human pyramids has had a long and honorable history among the peoples of Asia and the Levant. In Venice, the rival factions, the Castellans and Nicolites, were wont to settle their differences by these team contests of strength and skill.

These "Labors of Hercules," as they were called, were composed of as many as thirty men, built up in diminishing tiers. In these pyramids they formed wide-spreading arches, colonnades, and, in fact, all the wonders of architecture with their own bodies.

Tumbling is one of the most popular exercises in the gymnasium, but the learning of a progressive series of tumbling movements takes much training and more practice. In consequence, few members of a class attain any great perfection.

The building of pyramids is, however, within the reach of almost any average boy, and the variety is limited only by the skill of the members of the team.

Pyramid building cultivates daring and balance in the top men who have to climb, dismount and maintain their unstable footing, and it develops strength and muscular control in the supporting man, giving him that muscular sense by which a man learns to judge weight and the direction of forces. Nothing is better for the promotion of unselfish team work.

The well-built pyramid should always have architectural qualities, a succession of arches, horizontal, vertical or oblique lines, giving it unity of composition and solidity of construction. Much can be added to their effectiveness by the way mounts and dismounts are made and the posture of the team when at rest as well as in action.

A team should be chosen with an eye to balance and the matching of figure to figure, and the graceful candidate should always have precedence over the awkward.

The possible combinations are greatly extended by the use of wands, chairs, tables, ladders, parallel bars, or the horizontal bar.

In bringing together the following typical pyramids with and without apparatus, Mr. Cromie has done a real service to this fascinating and beautiful specialty of gymnastics.

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Philadelphia, Pa.



A GROUP OF GERMANTOWN Y. M. C. A. PYRAMID BUILDERS



FIGURE NO. I. Shows how the mount to shoulders is accomplished.

In section 1 the bottom man gives the one who is mounting a reverse grasp of the left hand; the mounter places his right foot well up upon the bottom man's thigh. In section 2 the top man places his left foot upon the bottom man's left shoulder and in section 3 the other foot is brought up and the two high is complete. The bottom man takes a firm hold of the top man's ankles, while the top man presses his ankles hard against the under man's head.



FIGURE No. 2. The bottom man in section 1 places his head between the legs of upper man and raises him as in section 2. The two high sitting on shoulders, is accomplished as illustrated in sections 3 and 4.

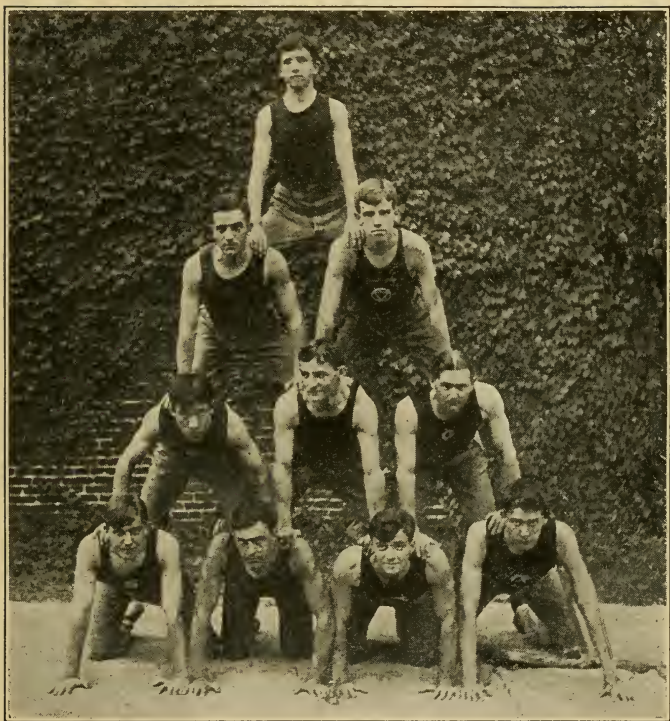


FIGURE No. 3. The kneeling pyramid can be built 2, 3, 4, 5 or even 6 high, although 5 is about the best height, as the backs of the fifth tier are too slanting. An effective pyramid for an exhibition is 5 high for a center piece, two 4 high at each side of the center, 3 high at each side of the 4's, then 3 high, 2 high, and finally one at each end. This makes 55 men in all.

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FIGURE NO. 4. This is the finish of the No. 3 pyramid. When the command to fall is given all men in the group should extend arms and legs together and all will "land" without getting hurt.

A novel way in an exhibition when the performers are on a stage is to buckle the strap of a suspended lunger around the body of the top man, and when the men "squash" as in the illustration the top man is "swimming" in mid-air.

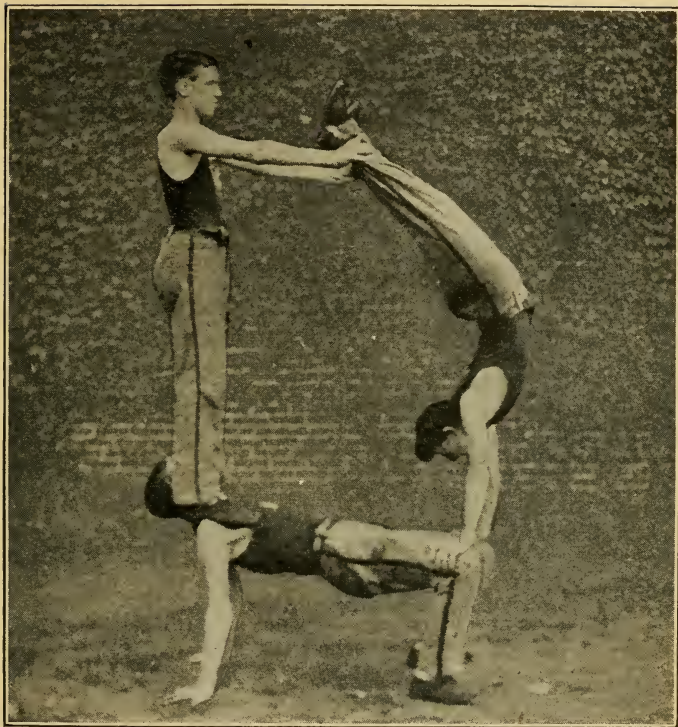


FIGURE NO. 5. Many of the smaller pyramids can be performed in gymnasium classes. Last year a series of these were conducted at the University Gymnasium very successfully. Preliminary to building practice head and hand stands; one row of men assist the other. Practice sitting and standing on shoulders, etc.

In this illustration the men stand three deep. At count 1 a back leaning rest is performed, count 2 stand on shoulders, 3 hand stand, and 4, push hand stand away and dismount. Number 1 and 3 change places and repeat; then 2 and 3 change places. Each man shall then have performed all three positions in the pyramid.

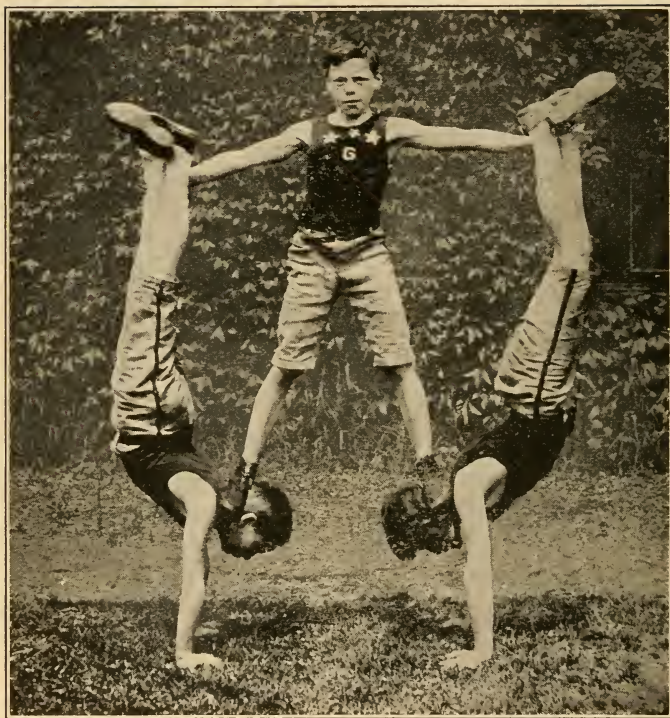


FIGURE No. 6. A neat balance feat; the boys like it.

The persons standing on hands should have heads up and backs well arched. Top man steps on necks lightly one foot after the other. The body is not so likely to turn if the feet are crossed, but not so graceful as when side by side.



FIGURE No. 7. The two bottom men perform a stoop stand position and hold legs of the men in sitting posture. The hand stand looks better if performed in front.



FIGURE No. 8. The men standing should put the bulk of the weight upon the thighs of the center man and very little on the shoulders of the hand stand men.



FIGURE No. 9. This is a walking pyramid and looks nice if the men are all in step. Eight or ten such pyramids in line look well in an exhibition. Ten such pyramids will require 60 men, so large numbers can be used, and they are easy to execute.



FIGURE NO. 10. This is an excellent pyramid for boys, as it looks good, is easy of execution, and is not dangerous. The boys facing each other can help those on the hands either by starting from knees or by holding feet. It is not so hard to hold as a hand balance as it is between this and a front leaning rest. Eight or ten boys can form the circle; finish by the top boy jumping down in center; those on hands front roll, those standing back roll and center neck spring.

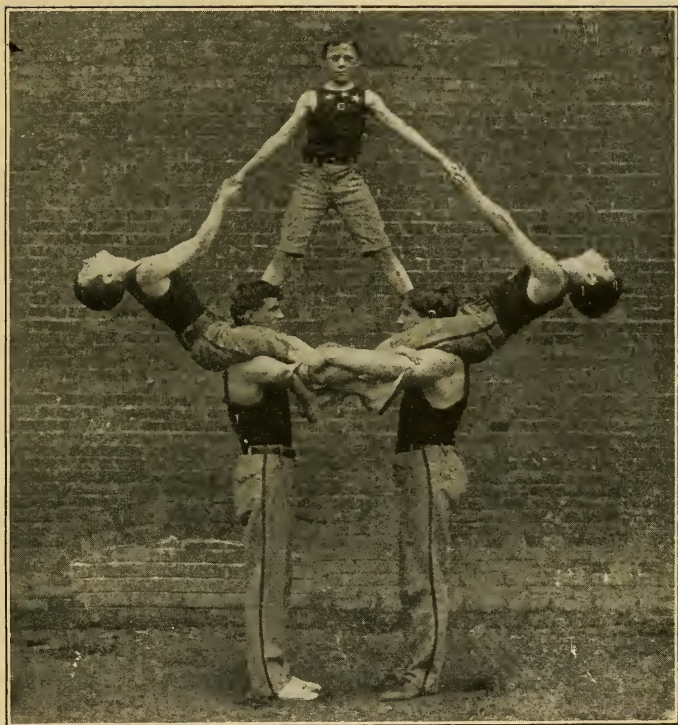


FIGURE NO. II. A number of these in a row or formed in a circle look well. Bottom men may start from kneeling position.



FIGURE NO. 12. All pyramid building, if possible, should be done to counting, clapping hands, whistles, etc. For instance: All men facing front, and at count 1, men kneel, 2 center man raise other to shoulder, 3 step on hips of those kneeling, 4 two men step on shoulders and center grasp ankles, 5 head stands, hold about a minute, 6 push away head stands, 7 side men step down, 8 center man down, 9 center bend front and release man from shoulders, 10 kneeling men to standing position, and 11 all face front at attention. These should be performed snappy and with energy.



FIGURE No. 13. A walking pyramid. Front men lock arms, rear men on outside place hands on shoulder of man in front. The rear men should be strong, as they have to bear most of the weight.

This pyramid may be changed to eight men standing, three kneeling on shoulders, then two and one on top. It is almost too difficult to walk in this position.



FIGURE NO. 14. A number of these look good and are not difficult. In rows or circle.

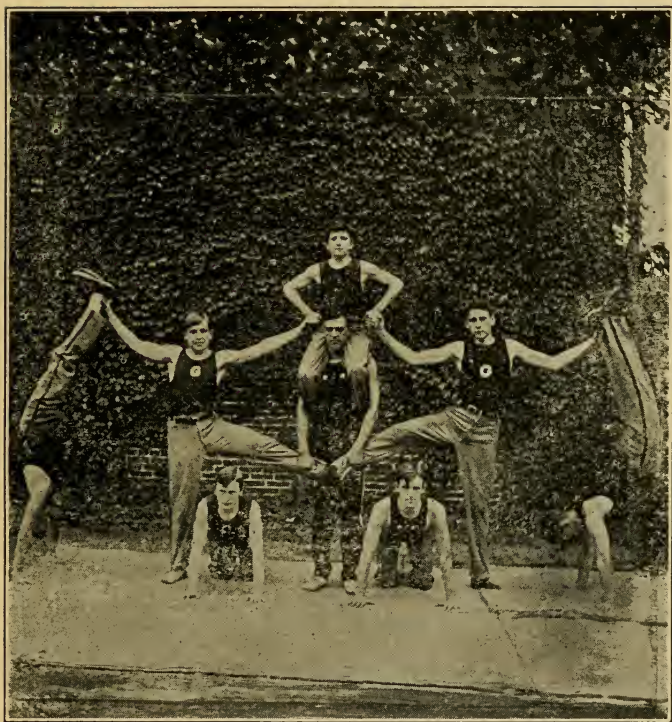


FIGURE No. 15. The most timid can build this pyramid. It should be the aim in all groups to have graceful lines. It looks more effective in this group to have the men whose legs are being held, incline the body more toward the hand stands, and grasp arms of the one sitting on shoulders rather than hands.



FIGURE No. 16. Have another person stand or sit on top.

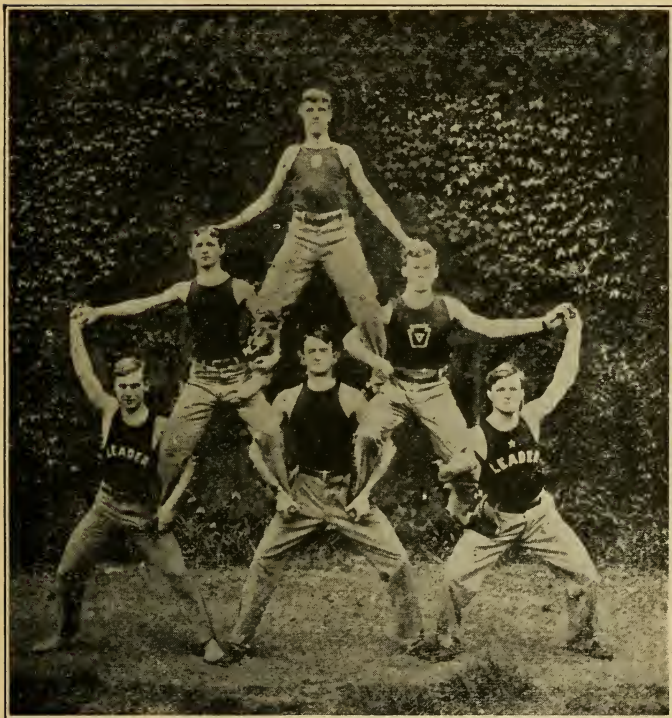


FIGURE No. 17. This group makes a good center piece for complicated pyramids.

It can also be built four high, three high on each side as in figure, two high at sides of three, then a man at each end, hands clasped behind head (head firm) and all squatting. The end men may face out and hold two men doing the hand balance.



FIGURE No. 18. This figure is somewhat like No. 17 and shows how one pyramid suggests another; in fact, there is no end to the possibility of pyramid building.

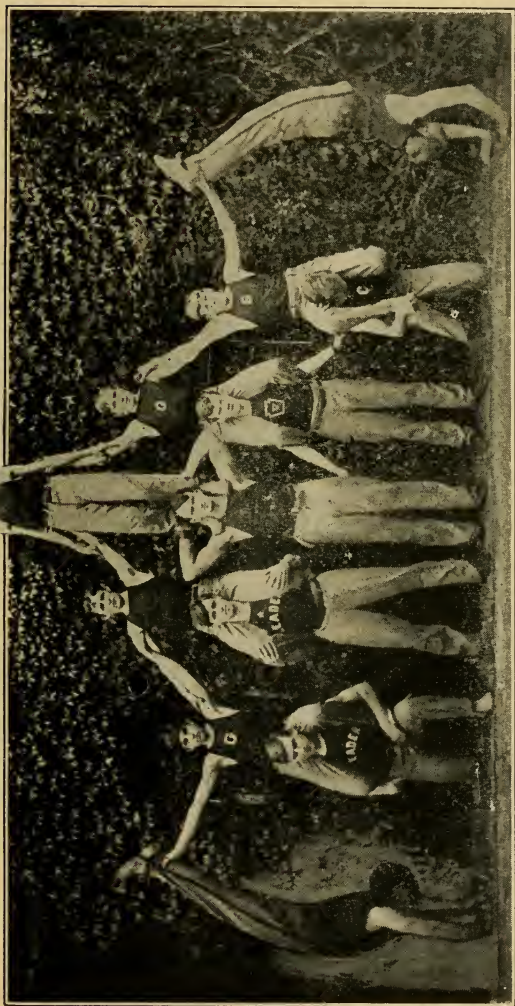


FIGURE No. 19. This group shows how counting can be done to good effect in the building of pyramids. Men stand at attention in about the position that they shall occupy in the pyramid. The men who are now standing and kneeling (except centre) on count 1, bend front and put heads between legs of men in front, 2 raise as in figure, 3 top man mounts on shoulders of centre, 4 hand stands at end, *hold, steady*; 5 push men in the hand balance away, 6 top man jumps front and front roll, 7 men kneeling and standing bend forward until those sitting are standing, 8 those standing perform front roll, 9 the remainder erect and fall forward rigid to front leaning rest, 10 jump to attention.

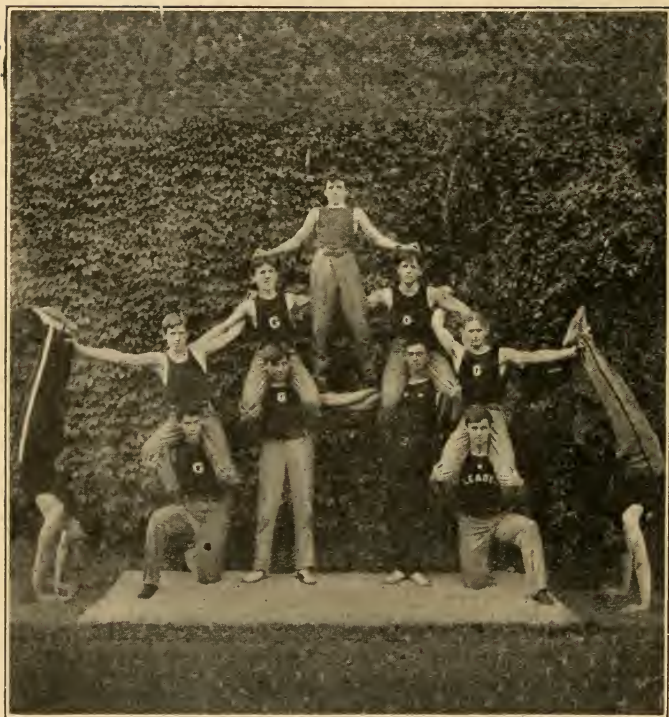


FIGURE No. 20. The right side of this group is too crowded. Try and have uniformity on both sides and plenty of room.



FIGURE No. 21. All kinds of combinations can be made with the smaller pyramids. For instance: Figure 21 for center piece and No. 22 at each side. If a director wishes to use great numbers of men in practice and exhibition it can be accomplished by a combination of small pyramids and looks well.



FIGURE No. 22. It is well to give the group a name where one can. Call No. 22 The Human Fan. This makes a very pretty end for many pyramids; also by omitting the second and fourth men. It is easier to hold, in fact all can "drop" into this position at a signal if the centre man has a wooden ring in each hand for 1 and 5 to hold to.

These small pyramids look very well if the performers are dressed as statues, posed on a revolving table with calcium light effects.

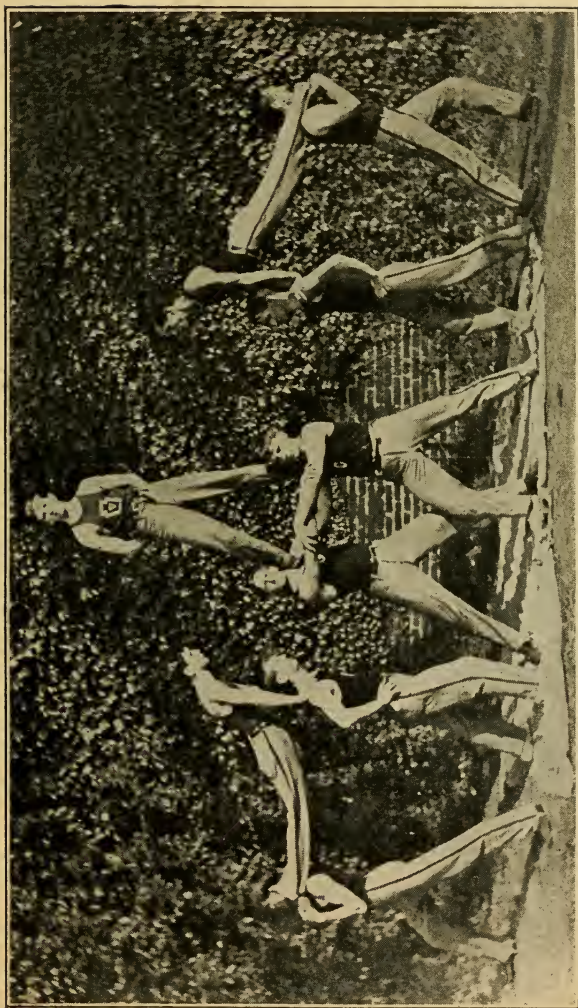


FIGURE No. 23. This is a very easy group to arrange and looks well, especially if the men get a good charge or fall-out position.



FIGURE No. 24. The men in front assist those in the rear. Omit the hand balances and it makes a nice center for one of the large pyramids.



FIGURE No. 25. The top man in this group is too heavy. Try and secure men who are light and agile for the top of all pyramids.

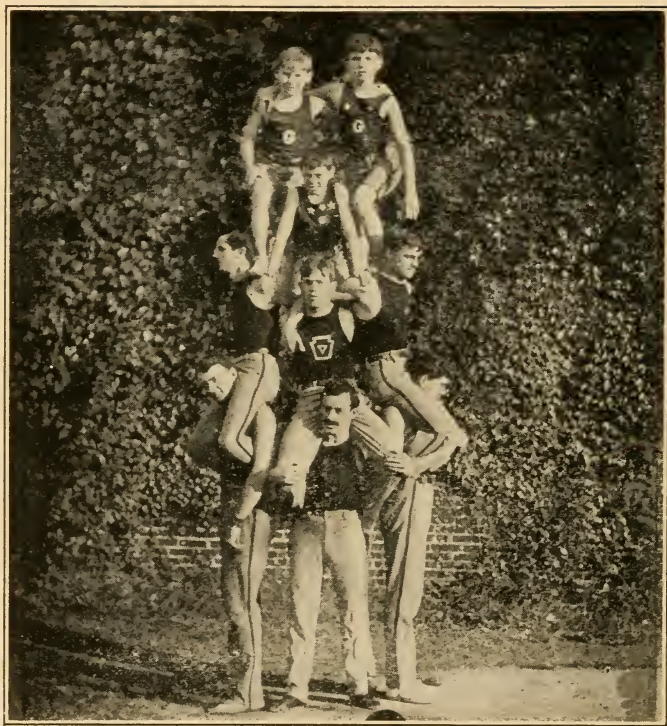


FIGURE NO. 26. Four men on bottom, four sitting on shoulders, two standing on shoulders facing each other and hands placed on each other's shoulders, top man sitting on arms.

Build it as in illustration or with one sitting astride or standing on the back of the person kneeling.

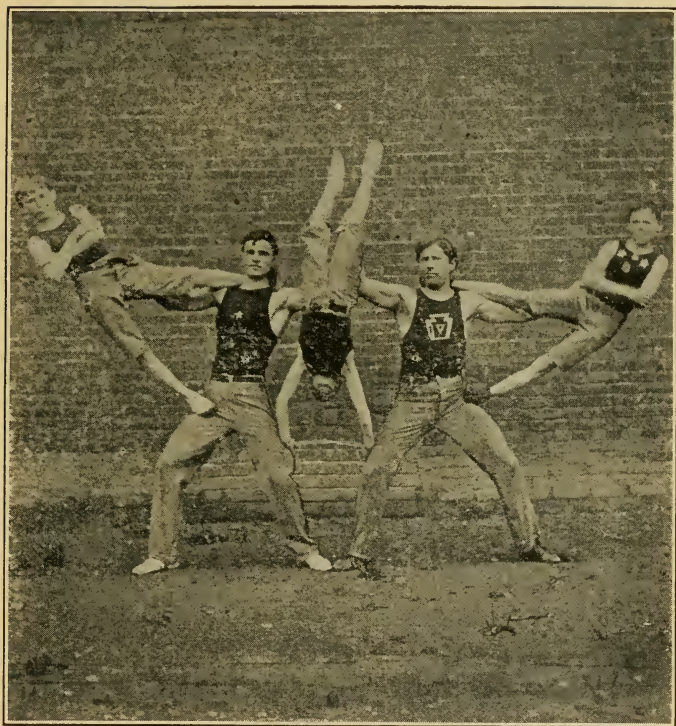


FIGURE 27. A hand balance as in figure, or stand on inside shoulders of ground men.

Instead of a hand balance, stand on thighs of ground men,

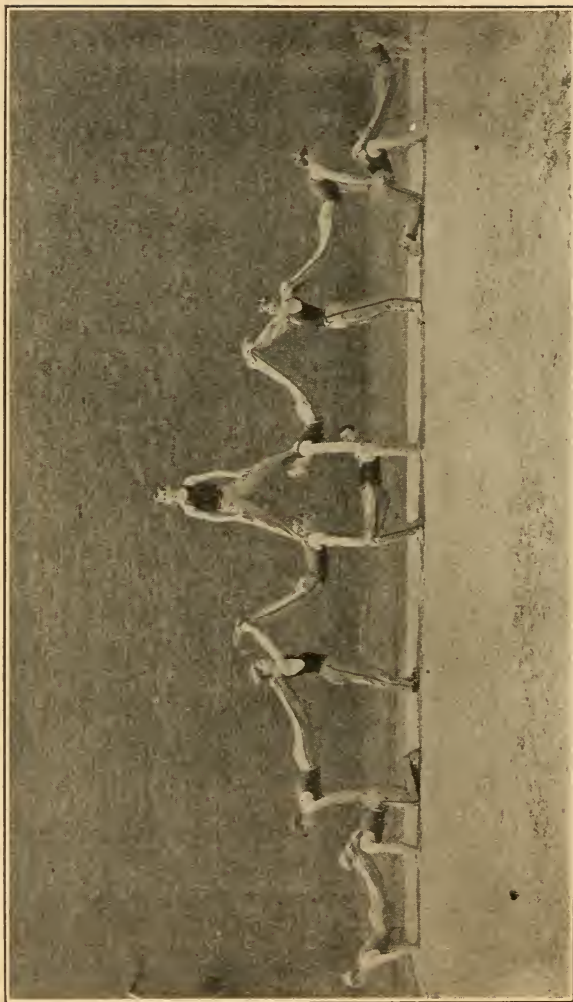


FIGURE No. 28. The human span; always looks graceful when backs are well arched.

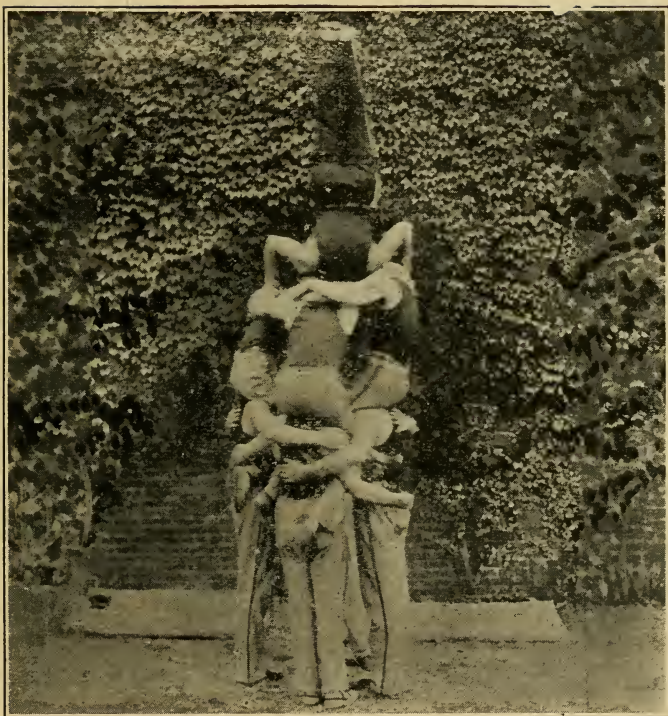


FIGURE No. 29. Three on bottom and three sitting makes the best showing in this pyramid. The men sitting put heads together and form basin for the head stand.

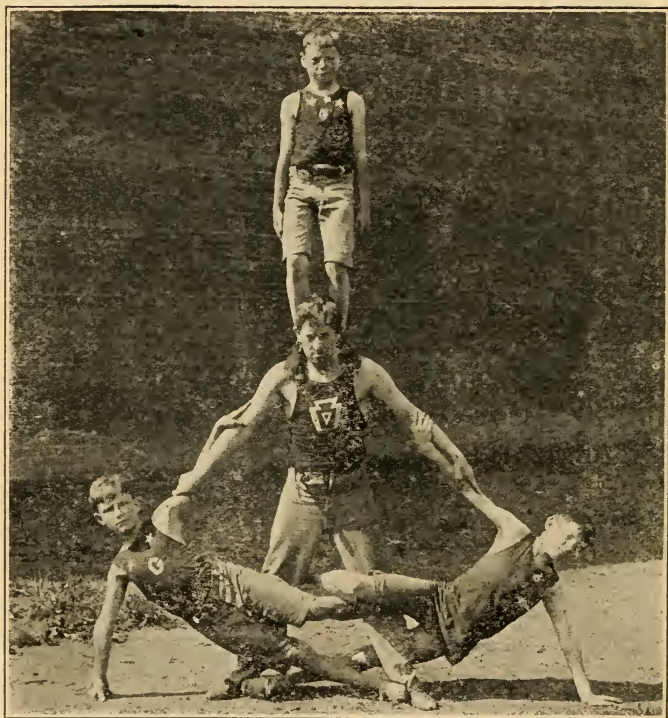


FIGURE No. 30. This group can be used as a center, and for the sides use either Nos. 3, 17, 22, or any of these three will alternate with No. 30.



FIGURE No. 31. In the successful building of pyramids a club should be formed and have a special time for meeting, as nothing can be accomplished unless the same men report for practice.



FIGURE No. 32. Good practice for a center or bottom man.



FIGURE No. 33. From No. 33 form No. 34 or No. 37. It takes "push" to get No. 37 from this position.

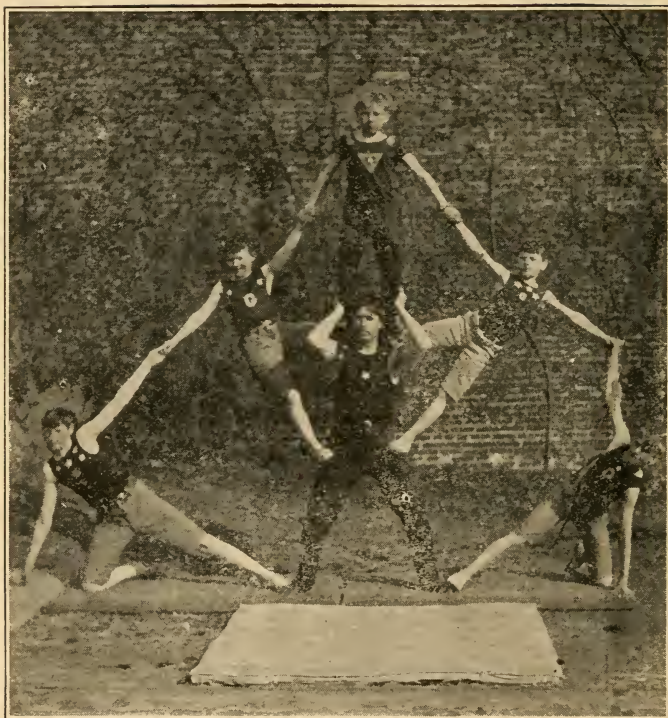


FIGURE NO. 34. The boy on ground on the left has the correct position.



FIGURE NO. 35. Figure No. 27 as a center, No. 35 at each side, makes an unusual looking formation. Men should bend a little more at the waist.



FIGURE No. 36. A good test of balance.



FIGURE NO. 38. A "bracer."



FIGURE No. 39. Atlas outdone.

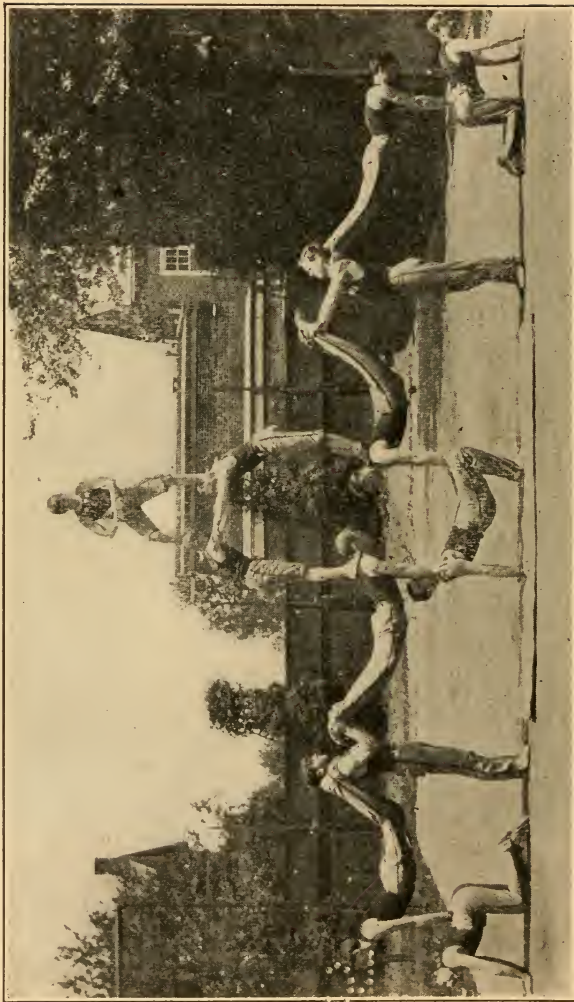


FIGURE No. 40. Another version of the Human Span.

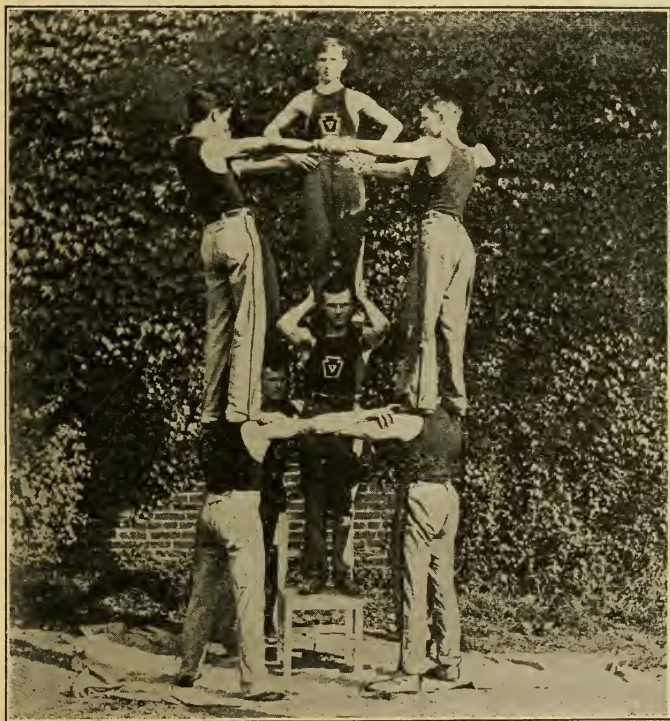


FIGURE NO. 41. The four bottom men should be close together and the four top men spread out more and lean backward.



FIGURE No. 42. To form an excellent pyramid use No. 42 for right and left side. For a center, one man standing with one sitting on his shoulders. Another man sitting or standing on top. The man sitting on center's shoulders has his arms side horizontal to keep man who is standing on shoulders of the one who is doing a back leaning rest from falling backward.



FIGURE No. 43. When this pyramid is dismounting, top man drops in between or at side. At the command bottom men step backward and men on shoulders get close and drop in center.



FIGURE No. 44. This is a neat, well braced group.

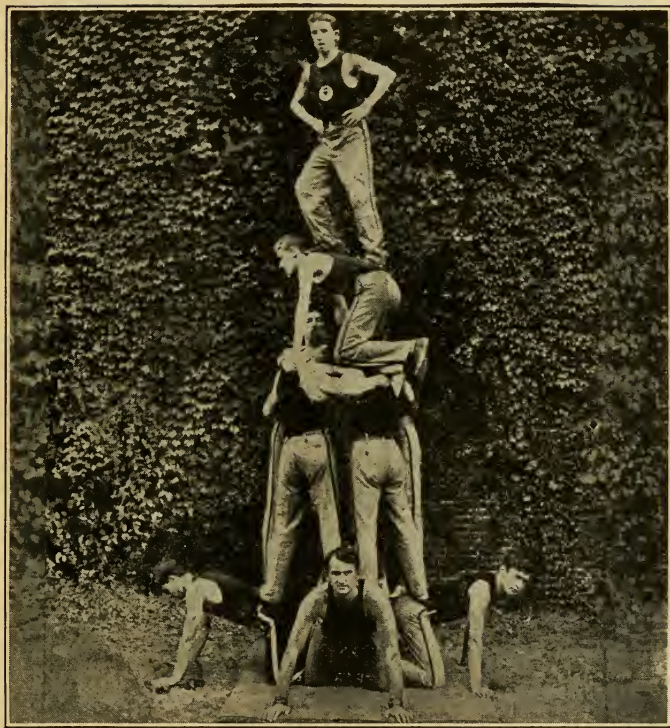


FIGURE No. 45. This group might look better if the one kneeling on shoulders were facing front.

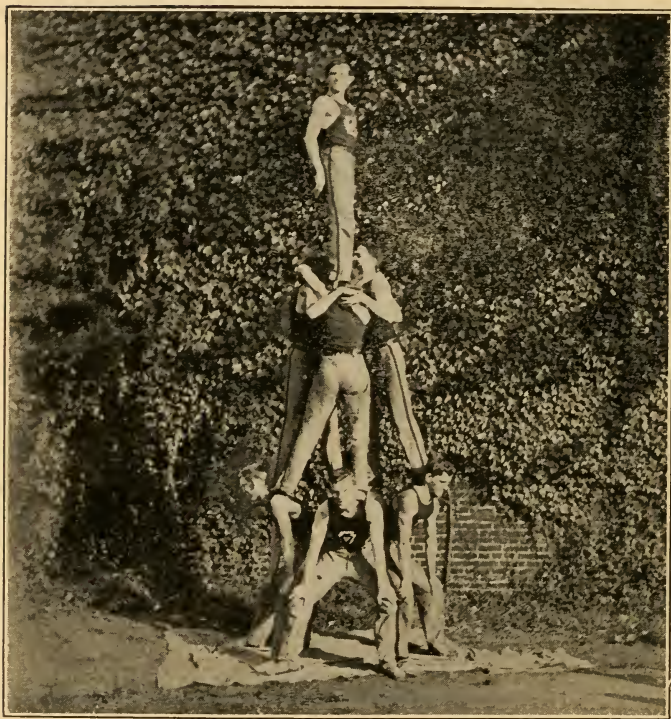


FIGURE NO. 46. In dismounting bottom men step forward and perform a front roll.



FIGURE No. 47. Two *strong* men can put their heads between the legs of those holding men in front leaning rest and raise them as in Figure No. 50.

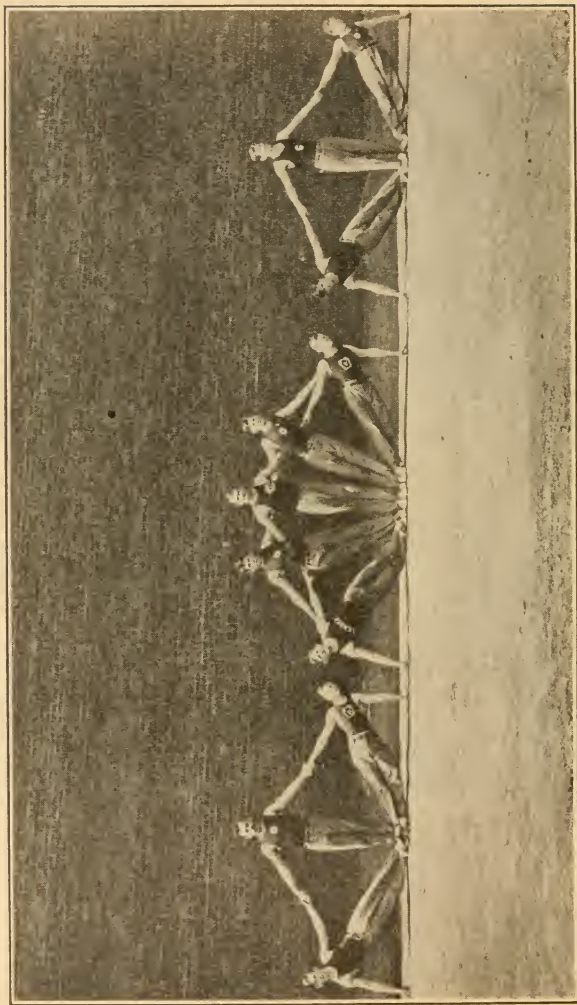


FIGURE No. 48. The fan.



FIGURE No. 49. At the shore.



FIGURE No. 50. "Move up the beach; you draw too large a crowd."

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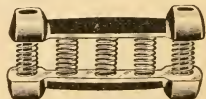
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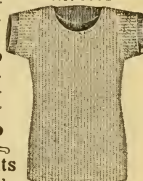
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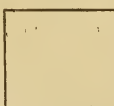
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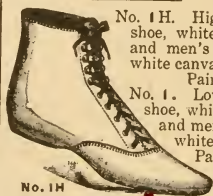
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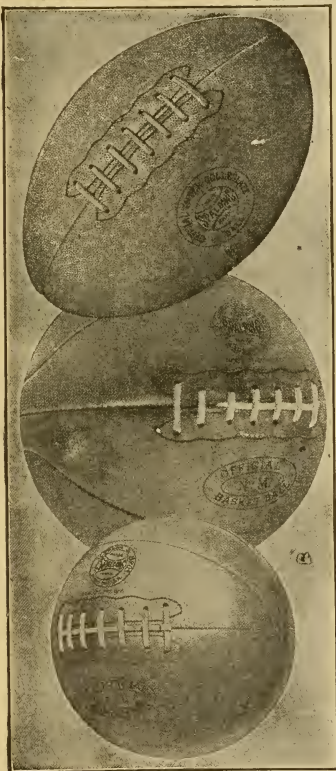
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No. B2. In every respect same as our National Association Ball No. NA, except slightly smaller in size. Each, 75c.

Spalding Public School League

No. B3. A well made junior size ball. Splendid for general practice by boys' teams. Each, 50c.

Spalding King of the Diamond

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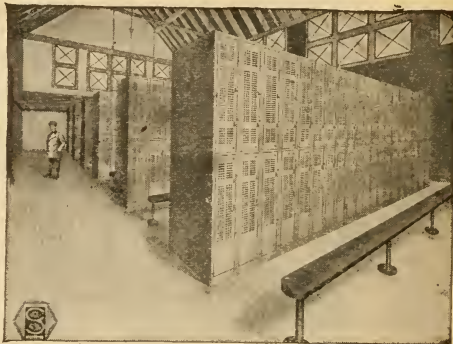
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Wooden lockers are objectionable, because they attract vermin, absorb odors, can be easily broken into, and are dangerous on account of fire.

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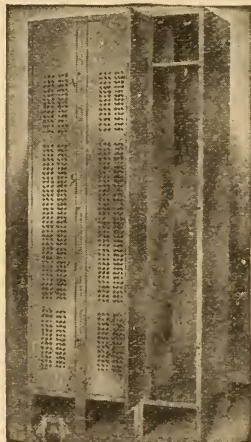
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Wrist Machine

Standard Policy

A Standard Quality must be inseparably linked to a Standard Policy.

Without a definite and Standard Mercantile Policy, it is impossible for a manufacturer to long maintain a Standard Quality.

To market his goods through the jobber, a manufacturer must provide a profit for the jobber as well as the retail dealer. To meet these conditions of Dual Profits, the manufacturer is obliged to set a proportionately high list price on his goods to the consumer.

To enable the glib salesman, when booking his orders, to figure out attractive profits to both the jobber and retailer, these high list prices are absolutely essential; but their real purpose will have been served when the manufacturer has secured his order from the jobber, and the jobber has secured his order from the retailer.

However, these deceptive high list prices are not fair to the consumer, who does not, and, in reality, is not even expected to pay these fancy list prices.

When the season opens for the sale of such goods, with their misleading but alluring high list prices, the retailer begins to realize his responsibilities, and grapples with the situation as best he can, by offering "special discounts," which vary with local trade conditions.

Under this system of merchandising, the profits to both the manufacturer and the jobber are assured; but as there is no stability maintained in the prices to the consumer, the keen competition amongst the local dealers invariably leads to a demoralized cutting of prices by which the profits of the retailer are practically eliminated.

This demoralization always reacts on the manufacturer. The jobber insists on lower, and still lower, prices. The manufacturer, in his turn, meets this demand for the lowering of prices by the only way open to him, viz.: the cheapening and degrading of the quality of his product.

The foregoing conditions became so intolerable that, ten years ago, in 1899, A. G. Spalding & Bros. determined to rectify this demoralization in the Athletic Goods Trade, and inaugurated what has since become known as "The Spalding Policy."

The "Spalding Policy" eliminates the jobber entirely, so far as Spalding Goods are concerned, and the retail dealer secures his supply of Spalding Athletic Goods direct from the manufacturer under a restricted retail price arrangement by which the retail dealer is assured a fair, legitimate and certain profit on all Spalding Athletic Goods, and the consumer is assured a Standard Quality and is protected from imposition.

The "Spalding Policy" is decidedly for the interest and protection of the users of Athletic Goods, and acts in two ways:

FIRST—The user is assured of genuine Official Standard Athletic Goods, and the same fixed prices to everybody.

SECOND—As manufacturers, we can proceed with confidence in purchasing at the proper time, the very best raw materials required in the manufacture of our various goods, well ahead of their respective seasons, and this enables us to provide the necessary quantity and absolutely maintain the Spalding Standard of Quality.

All retail dealers handling Spalding Athletic Goods are required to supply consumers at our regular printed catalogue prices—neither more nor less—the same prices that similar goods are sold for in our New York, Chicago and other stores.

All Spalding dealers, as well as users of Spalding Athletic Goods, are treated exactly alike, and no special rebates or discriminations are allowed to anyone.

Positively, nobody; not even officers, managers, salesmen or other employees of A. G. Spalding & Bros., or any of their relatives or personal friends, can buy Spalding Athletic Goods at a discount from the regular catalogue prices.

This, briefly, is the "Spalding Policy," which has already been in successful operation for the past ten years, and will be indefinitely continued.

In other words, "The Spalding Policy" is a "square deal" for everybody.

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